

## **PLANTING VEGETATION - STARTERS**

### **1. PREPARATION**

- a. Call the Blue Stakes Center of Utah at 811 or 1-800-662-4111 at least 2 working days before any digging will be done, to reveal the location of any underground utilities.
- b. Transport spoils to their designated fill or disposal area.

### **2. PROCESS**

- a. Dig holes; place spoils on tarps or plastic near the hole where they may easily be placed back around roots. Avoid placing spoils in the gutter.
- b. Bring each plant near the edge of the hole dug for it.
- c. Check the depth of the hole, and adjust the depth if necessary. The depth of the hole for a tree should be 22" less than the root flare to the bottom of the root ball, so that the root flare is 2" above the finish grade.
- d. Carefully remove pot or burlap.
- e. Place the plant in the hole.
- f. Backfill the hole with existing spoils, compost, and a little fertilizer if desired. Do not use excessive amendments.
- g. Thoroughly water the plant to remove any air pockets that may be in the soil.
- h. Stake the plant, if necessary using tackifiers, erosion mats, soil stabilizers or other appropriate methods.

### **3. ACTIONS**

- a. Sweep dirt from surrounding pavement(s) into the planter area.
- b. Transport spoils to their designated fill or disposal area.

### **4. DOCUMENTATION**

- a. No documentation required.